



Ward Notification

Tucson Fire Department

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Ward 5 – House Fire – 300 Block of West 41st Avenue

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Dispatch Time – 1235

On-Scene – 1240

Transport Time – 1240

Five of the six people who live in this home were inside when this fire started. The open flame from a candle on the front porch ignited materials nearby. The wind speed had increased, feeding the fire with oxygen. A 54-year-old man was inside with his four kids ages 10 through 16. He heard something outside, opened the front door, and noticed the fire. He ran through the burning area and extinguished the fire with a garden hose. Firefighters arrived on scene to find the porch smoldering and no flames. The man suffered minor injuries from the fire, but was not transported to a hospital. The family was not displaced and Red Cross was not needed. There was a working smoke detector, but it did not sound since there was no smoke inside.

Damage Estimate - \$20,000

Cause – Accidental – Candle left unattended

Origin – Front porch

Safety Message: The important thing to remember is to have an escape plan with two ways out of every room. Make sure everyone in the family practices that plan and knows the location of the meeting place.